

REMARKS

Claims 1, 17, 19, 23 and 27-36 are pending. Claims 2-16, 18, 20-22, and 24-26 are canceled. Non-elected claims 27-36 are withdrawn. Claims 1, 17, 19, and 23 are rejected.

Claim 1 is amended.

Applicants respectfully request rejoinder of method claims 27-36 upon allowable claims.

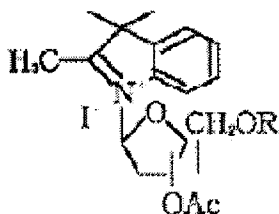
Applicants respectfully request reconsideration for the following reasons.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1, 17, 19 and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as anticipated by Tomita.

The Examiner states

Tomita et al. JP06122696 teaches of the structure below which comprises a 2,3,3-trimethyl indolenine substituted with a saccharide where the saccharide encompasses the Y₁ = saccharide of the instant claims



Amended claim 1 eliminates saccharides, thus overcoming Tomita which discloses a monosaccharide as the substituent to which the Examiners cites. Thus, Tomita does not anticipate; Applicants believe the rejection is overcome and respectfully request its withdrawal.

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe the application is in complete condition for allowance with no fees due. If fees are deemed necessary, the Examiner is authorized to charge them to Deposit Account No. 20-0809.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative with questions.

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